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Committee Bill No. 276

LCO No. 5086

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING INATTENTIVE DRIVING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) "Driving while distracted" means the operation of a
2 motor vehicle while engaged in a distractive activity in a manner
3 which interferes with the free and proper use of the public highways
4 or endangers users of the public highways. For the purposes of this
5 section, "distractive activity" means an activity not directly related to
6 the operation of the motor vehicle, and which may include, but is not
7 limited to: Reading; writing; consuming food, beverages or tobacco;
8 changing of garments; the use of mobile telephones, AM, FM or CB
9 radios, audio or video cassette players, compact disc players,
10 televisions, or any other audio or video devices; pagers; portable
11 computers; two-way radios; radar detectors; personal digital assistants;
12 geographic positioning system receivers or similar devices; applying
13 make-up, shaving, combing hair, or attending to other forms of
14 personal grooming; or interaction with passengers or pets.

15 (b) Any person driving while distracted shall have committed an
16 infraction and (1) shall be fined not less than one hundred fifty dollars
17 nor more than three hundred dollars for the first offense, and (2) for

18 each subsequent offense shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty
19 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more
20 than fifteen days or be both fined and imprisoned.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the offense of driving while distracted.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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